Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in le Application of.	
Toshio SHIMIZU et al.	Confirmation No.: 3575
Application No.: 10/522,178	Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: January 24, 2005	Examiner: B. Nash
For: STAPLER AND CARTRIDGE) Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents Customer Window, Mail Stop AF Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 28, 2006, the period of response to which extends through October 30, 2006, because October 28, 2006 falls on a Saturday, entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

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